



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD)
700 ALAMEDA STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://coc.lacounty.gov>**

Thursday, November 15, 2018

9:00 AM

Attachment: [Audio](#)

Present: Chair Patti Giggans, Vice-Chair Priscilla Ocen, Robert Bonner, James P. Harris, Casimiro Tolentino, Lael Rubin, Sean Kennedy, Hernán Vera and Brian K. Williams

Absent: Xavier Thompson

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Patti Giggans at 9:05 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance □

Chair Patti Giggans welcomed members of the Commission, requested a moment for meditation.

- Approval of October 25, 2018 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Tolentino requested an amendment be added regarding him joining the Immigration Ad Hoc committee.

On motion of Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, there being no objection, the October 25, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Member of the public, Eric Preven commented on the October 25, 2018 minutes.

[supporting documents](#)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Opportunity for members of the public to address the COC on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the COC.

Member of the public, Eric Preven addressed the Commission.

3. DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

a. Update on LASD Enforcement Activities along the Interstate 5 Freeway

Inspector General Max Huntsman addressed the Commission regarding preliminary findings of his inquiry into the allegations of the LA Times article. To address the issue of implicit bias raised by the article, OIG staff members have participated in several ride-alongs with deputies who have been very forthcoming regarding their process. As previously stated, the CHP numbers reported in the article were not exclusive to stops along the Interstate 5, as such; the CHP is currently working to identify the numbers that cover the specific area (Interstate 5).

Independent of those numbers Inspector General Huntsman highlighted the lack of supervision within the Domestic Highway Enforcement team as a serious issue. An evidence-based analysis is needed to confirm whether the approach during traffic stops to develop probable cause to identify narcotics is an effective way to reduce the number of drugs transported along the Interstate 5 freeway.

Commissioner Rubin inquired on the existence of any policy regarding the training of deputies in response to the issue.

Inspector General Huntsman suggested the use of the Audits and Accountability Bureau to review the policies, practices, and procedures in place regarding LASD traffic stops.

Vice-Chair Ocen clarified what implicit bias is and isn't, and cautioned the Commission on jumping to the conclusion that these allegations are a result of implicit racial biases rather than a policy that is using racial proxies. Vice-Chair Ocen highlighted the need to review the policies and criteria that the deputies are currently following. Vice-Chair Ocen also seconded Inspector General Huntsman's suggestion that all substations have periodic audits of traffic stops.

Inspector General Huntsman stated that the Sheriff's Department shares the opinion that racial profiling is an ineffective law enforcement tool.

Commissioner Kennedy inquired if there is any information that LASD turned off the dash cameras on the Interstate 5 in response to the fact that, that was evidence used to expose the issue in Federal Court.

Inspector General Huntsman stated that he currently does not have that evidence.

Commissioner Bonner stated that the real issue that the Commission should focus on is whether or not the Domestic Highway Enforcement Team complied

with the law and the Constitution regarding the initial stops and post-stop activity.

There were 3 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

b. Update on allegations of Sheriff "Deputy Cliques"

Commissioner Rubin, chair of the "Deputy Cliques" Ad Hoc Committee updated the Commission. Commissioner Rubin stated that the Commission planned on meeting with the Sheriff prior to the November COC meeting, however, due to the election the meeting was postponed. Commissioner Rubin also stated that regardless of the results of the Sheriff election, the committee plans to play a significant role in getting to the bottom of the allegations deputy cliques and make appropriate recommendations.

Executive Director Brian Williams highlighted the importance of the issue and informed the Commission that he is working with County Counsel to hire a consultant to closely review the issue. Mr. Williams also underscored regardless of who the Sheriff is or what the actions are of LASD and other departments, this is an issue that requires bold leadership and action from the Commission.

There were 7 members of the public who addressed the Commission.

The meeting recessed at 10:34 am

Open session reconvened at 11:02 am present were Chair Patti Giggans, Vice-Chair Priscilla Ocen, Robert Bonner, James P. Harris, Casimiro Tolentino, Lael Rubin, Sean Kennedy, Hernán Vera, and Brian K. Williams.

c. Discussion and Update from the Immigration Ad Hoc Committee

Before the Immigration Ad Hoc committee presented its report to the Commission, Deputy Inspector General, Shadi Kardan presented an overview of the Office of Inspector General's quarterly report regarding immigration and responded to questions by the Commission.

After discussion, by comment consent, there being no objection the item was received and filed.

Commissioner Vera, Chair of the Immigration Committee presented Immigration draft report along with its 12 recommendations and responded to questions posed by other Commission members.

Commissioner Bonner voiced his concerns regarding recommendations 1,9, and 10. Commissioner Bonner voiced the potentially significant adverse

effects recommendations 1,9, and 10 could have on public safety in the community.

Following the discussion, Chair Giggans stated that the Commission will review the report and its recommendations to be voted on during the January 2019 COC meeting.

There were 11 member of the public who addressed the Commission.

4. COMMISSION UPDATES

- Executive Director's Report

Mr. Williams reported that there are new Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts for the Commission.

Mr. Williams also reported that the next meeting is at Peck Park (560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90732) on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Mr. Williams gave an update regarding the Use of Force Ad Hoc Committee's report on Body Worn Cameras. The CEO is currently seeking a consultant to assist with implementation of the recommendations of the report. Mr. Williams also reported on the status of a new venue for the COC meetings in 2019, the new location of the meetings will be announced during the December COC meeting. Mr. Williams also thanked MWD staff for their assistance.

- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Update

LASD representative had to leave the meeting prior to the time of the LASD update.

- Commissioner Comments/Ad Hoc Committee Updates

No Ad Hoc Committee updates.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner Ocen, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, there being no objection, the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission adjourned its meeting at 12:16 PM.

Chair Giggans reported the next COC meeting will be held on December 13, 2018.